Potential for Providing Employment

† 2047. SHRI RAJEEV RANJAN SINGH "LALAN":

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether government have identified those 10 sectors in the country which have the potential of providing maximum employment; and

(b) if so, the names of such sectors and the average number of workers of the country employed therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) Agriculture and allied activities, food processing, small scale industries, service sector, travel and tourism, information technology, housing and real estate development and construction, road transport, distributive trade, educational and health services and new emerging services are the major areas with sufficient employment potential, identified by the task force on employment opportunities under the chairmanship of Shri Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Member, Planning Commission.

The industry-wise distribution of estimated employment as per survey carried out by National Sample Survey Organisation is given in Statement.

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Statement

Industry-wise distribution of estimated employment as per servey by NSSO

Industry	*Employed workers 1999-2000 (In million)
Agriculture	237.56
Mining & Quarrying	2.27
Manufacturing	48.01
Electricity, gas & water supply	1.28
Construction	17.62
Trade	37.32
Transport, Storage & Communication	14.69
Financial Services	5.05
Community Social & Pers. Services.	33.20
Total Employment	397.00

*As per Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status (UPSS) Approach.

Extension of EPF

† 2048. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend the scope of the Employees Provident Fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether possibility of reduction in employment opportunities is being expected due to this; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) The proposal to amend the

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